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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION: QUITO OAS FOMIN MEETING

1. NEWSPAPERS IN GUAYAQUIL 11/12 MIRRORED PREVAILING  
OPINION THAT OAS FOMIN MEETING WOULD NOT LIFT CUBAN  
SANCTIONS. NONE OF THE THREE MORNING PAPERS HAVE  
EDITORIALS ON THE OAS MEETING. NEITHER DID EXTRA OR  
LA RAZON 11/11.

2. EL UNIVERSO LEAD STORY CARRIES HEADLINE: "IT  
ENDS TODAY. OAS MEETING DEBATE CONDUCTED IN UNCERTAINTY."  
SECONDARY ARTICLE: "THE CONFERENCE WILL BE POSTPONED."

3. EL UNIVERSO CARTOON REFLECTING APPARENT FRUSTRATION,  
IS TITLED: "WITH FURY IN THE BODY." CARTOON CHARACTER  
"AVERAGE JUAN," SHOWN DISCARDING PHOTO OF CASTRO, WHILE  
HE KICKS WITH DISGUST A SOCCER BALL SAYING: "I DON'T  
WANT TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT FIDEL, IF MY TEAM IS  
LOSING."

4. COLUMNIST, P. JORGE CHACON, A JESUIT, REJECTS  
STATEMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE ATTRIBUTED TO OAS MINISTERS  
AND ECUADOREAN PRESIDENT, ON IDEA OAS MEETING IS "IN  
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AGREEMENT ON ADOPTING AN EVASIVE RESOLUTION WHICH WILL

NOT SIGNAL THE PURE AND SIMPLE APPROVAL OF THE CASTRO REGIME." HE ALSO CRITICIZES CONCEPT, ALSO ATTRIBUTED TO AN OAS MINISTER, THAT CUBAN PEOPLE ARE EXERCISING THEIR SOVEREIGNTY, AND WRITER THEN ASKS, "WHAT SOVEREIGNTY, POPULAR OR DICTORIAL."

5. EL TELEGRAFO LEAD ARTICLE HEADLINED: "SEARCHING FOR ACCOMMODATING FORMULA. THERE WILL BE NO MAJORITY TO RAISE THE CUBAN SANCTION."

6. EL TELEGRAFO CARTOON SHOWS A PUZZLED, DOUBTING CASTRO LOOKING AT AN OPEN SEWER MANHOLE. CAPTION STATES: "ATTRACTIVE SEWER"

7. COLUMNIST PEDRO TINTO IN EL TELEGRAFO QUESTIONS ACHIEVEMENT OF LIFTING OF SANCTIONS, IF THEY WERE TO BE LIFTED, AND ASKS WHY CUBA WOULD WANT THEM LIFTED SINCE THEY ARE INEFFECTIVE IN ECONOMIC SENSE.

8. EXPRESO FRONT PAGE HEADLINE READS: "THERE IS NO ACCORD."

9. COLUMN BY SUBDIRECTOR ESTER AVILES, TITLED "CUBA, ITS SUGAR AND THE OAS", REVIEWS HER VIEWS OF SOVEREIGNTY AND DEFINES IT AS "RESPECT FOR THE SYSTEM WHEREIN EACH NATION SELECTS ITS SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT." AFTER REVIEWING "DOZENS OF INTERVENTIONS, HIDDEN OR DIRECT BY THE LARGE NATIONS, THE INVINCIBLE ONES," SHE CALLS FOR GREATER UNITY AMONG LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH FRIENDLY PEOPLE WHO PAY WELL FOR OUR NATURAL RESOURCES AND DO NOT EXPLOIT US IN AN UNJUST COMMERCIAL WAY." SHE CONCLUDES: "WHY BELIEVE IN UTOPIAS, READER?"  
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